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FROM : Deputy Director (Plans) *100-368600*

SUBJECT : Richard GIBSON, Fair Play for Cuba Committee

1. Reference is made to conversations between Mr. Victor Wallen of this Agency and Mr. William Cregar of the Bureau concerning Subject. The substance of this report has been discussed with Mr. Cregar.

2. This Agency received a letter dated 4 July 1962, on stationery of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y., signed "A Friend". In the letter the writer indicated he could be of assistance to this Agency; suggested Montreal, Canada, as a discreet location for a meeting if this Agency were interested in discussing the possibilities of cooperation; asked that this Agency arrange for his transportation and expenses while in Montreal; and requested that he be personally contacted by phone at the Committee's address or at his home. The Committee stationery letterhead contained two names, Robert TABER, Executive Secretary, and Richard GIBSON, Acting Executive Secretary. From the letter there was no way to determine whether TABER, GIBSON, or some other person wrote the letter. This Agency took no action on this letter.

3. Mr. Wallen made available a copy of the above letter to Mr. Cregar on 16 July 1962.

4. On 19 July 1962, Philip K. Reiss, Department of Agriculture, Code 111, Extention 6860, requested an interview with a representative of this Agency. Reiss, a former employee of this Agency, was subsequently interviewed on 20 July 1962, at which time he produced a personal letter, dated 18 July 1962, from Richard GIBSON, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, to Thorton Hagert, 214 E. Columbia, Falls Church, Virginia, Reiss' stepbrother. Reiss explained that GIBSON was a friend of his stepbrother, and apparently at sometime

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in the past his stepbrother had told GIBSON that he (Reiss) was a former employee of this Agency. In the letter GIBSON asked Hagert to tell Reiss to inform his (Reiss') former employers that he (GIBSON) had written a letter several weeks ago discreetly trying to get in touch with the Agency; time was running out; it was a matter of life or death; suggested Montreal as meeting place; and suggested this Agency contact him at his office in New York (799 Broadway) or his home, phone YU 2-6011.

5. Mr. Wallen made available a copy of this second letter to Mr. Cregar on 22 July 1962. Reiss was informed on 24 July 1962 that he (Reiss) would be contacted by the F.B.I. with regard to the letter.

6. Richard GIBSON has been the subject of previous correspondence received from the Bureau; this Agency's security file on Philip K. Reiss, a former employee, contains no derogatory information, and this Agency has no record of Thornton Hagert.

7. Attached are copies of Richard GIBSON's letters dated 4 July 1962 and 16 July 1962.

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Attachments: Herewith
As stated above

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Based on: GIBSON's letters of
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